Kaaio rnoto Service

1721. SHRI MIRZA IRSHADBAIG: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be Pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of cities in the country where 'Radio Phot$_0$ Service' is available for communication and fop news agencies and what are the schemes for further expansion of these services; and

(b) when this service had made available at Ahmedabad and since when it is not functioning; what are the reasons for the abnormal delay in restarting the same and by when it is likely to be restarted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Photo telegraph service is available *vn* the following $_c$itie?:

Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi, Gauhati, Hyderabad, Jullundur, Jaipur_ Lucknow. Madras, Panaji, Pune, Patna, Tri-vandrum and Nagpur.

No further schemes are under proposal for expansion of the same.

(b) Photo telegraph service was introduced in Ahmedabad with effect from 4.3.1983. Th$_e$ service cou'd not be provided due to equipment fault between 12,9.1984 and 21.11.84, (25.4.1985 and 12.8.1985. The interruption was due to the equipment fault and the sam$_e$ had to be sent to the manufacturers M/s. Electronics Corporation of India Limited. Hyderabad for repairs. After 12.8.1983 the service is working satisfactorily. One more stand-by FAX machine has been procured for better photo telegraph, service.

Cases pending in Supreme Court pertaining to ex-employees of ONGC

1722. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased t$_0$ state:

(a) the number of case$_s$ pertaining to ex-employees of th$_e$ ONGC which are at present pending in the Supreme Court;

(b) the .number out of them which are more than 10 years and 5 years old; and

(c) whether 'Government propose to make out of court settlement of these cases;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHTLA ROHATGI): (a) Two.

Ob) Nil.

(c) No, Sir.

Test for recruitment of Programme Davelopment Officers in Bharat Petroleum Ltd.

1723. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Petroleum Ltd. had recently held a test in New Delhi for th$_e$ purpose of recruitment of Progress|Development Officers;

(b) if $_s$o, what was the number of vacancies reserved for SC/ST candidates;

(c) what was th$_e$ number of SC/ST candidates called fo$_r$ the test; and

(d) by when th$_e$ final selection is likely to be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) A Test was conducted by the Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited for recruitment to the post of Programme Officers-

(b) The number of vacancies reserved on an all-India basis for candidates belonging to SC/ST category Is 6.